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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 4, 2000, the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed January 11, 2002, and a telephone interview with the Examiner held February 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 11, 14 and 17-19

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